

RCS Middle School Basketball Information – 2017-2018

Sign up / Fees / Required Paperwork

- No paper form this year. Middle school parents will be emailed sign up [link](#).
- Player fee will increase to \$80 this year due to additional pre-season games. Fees are used to pay the league for officials, scorekeepers, host school gym usage, game balls, scorebooks, etc.
- Fee, physical form and concussion form are due Friday, October 13. See page 2 for more details.

Teams

- Generally we have enough players for 1 team per grade (boys and girls), for a total of 6 teams. Each team will typically have 6-10 players. All kids who want to participate will have the opportunity to participate, there are no cuts.
- Practices are typically 3 days a week and are held at the Resurrection Gym (unless a team has combined with another school and the practices may be at both locations).
- Each team will have a head coach and an assistant coach. Other adults may assist with practice to follow Virtus rules of 2 adults.
- Coaches
 - 6th grade girls – Jarrod Kieffer (head), Jan Goers (assistant)
 - 6th grade boys – Dan Hoverson (head), Ryan Melcer (assistant)
 - 7th grade girls – Angela Collins (head), Cindy Hutfles (assistant)
 - 7th grade boys – Jarrod Kieffer (head), Peter White (assistant)
 - 8th grade girls – John Hunt (head), Kenny Shave (assistant)
 - 8th grade boys – Aaron Heiman (head), Tim Kempf (assistant)

Games

- **6th grade** – 3 pre-season games, 8 regular season games, single elimination post season tournament. Approximately 50% of games will be at the Resurrection gym. Other games could be scheduled at any other schools hosting basketball games. The 6th grade girl's pre-season games will most likely be played at the Resurrection gym.
- **7th & 8th grade** – 3 pre-season games, 10 regular season games, single elimination post season tournament. Approximately 50% of games will be scheduled at East side schools and approximately 50% of games will be scheduled at West side schools. One regular season game may be scheduled at Resurrection for a true home game.
- **Game times** – Games on weeknights are 5:30, 6:30, 7:30. Saturday's games start at 8:00 a.m. and last games are at 3:00 p.m.
- **Overall dates** - Preseason games are in November. Regular season is December through early February. Post season is mid-February through end of February. For detailed dates, see page 2.

League and game sites

- Our middle school teams participate in the CSAL, which is primarily Wichita area Catholic middle schools. Wichita Collegiate and Holy Cross Lutheran also participate in the CSAL.
- Rules - The CSAL follows Kansas High School rules, with a few exceptions. Rule exceptions will be published in pre-season schedule and regular season schedule.
- Schools hosting basketball games are:
 - **East** – Blessed Sacrament, Magdalen, Resurrection, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Mary Derby, Collegiate, Holy Cross Lutheran
 - **West** – St. Peter Schulte, St. Francis, St. Elizabeth Anne Seaton, St. Jude, St. Catherine of Sienna, Goddard (new site this year),
 - Rarely will our teams be scheduled at these schools: St. Joseph Ost and St. Mary Newton

RCS Middle School Basketball Dates

- **Friday, October 6** – Sign up using Signup Genius [link](#). The purpose of this sign up is to gather names for each team.
- **Tuesday, October 10** – Practice schedules available on web site.
- **Friday, October 13** - \$80 per player fee, sports physical form and concussion form due in school office.
 - Make checks payable to RCS Athletics.
 - Sports physical dated after May 1, 2017 and concussion form is required before practice begins. If the athlete participated in a CSAL fall sport, the physical and concussion are already on file and do not need to be turned in again.
- **Sunday, October 22 (6:30 p.m.)** - Mandatory meeting for athlete & at least one parent.
 - If you attended the mandatory fall sports meeting, you do not need to attend this meeting.
 - The principal will cover sportsmanship, eligibility, etc.
 - Parents and athletes will sign a player contract at the meeting.
 - Final collection for fee, physical and concussion form, if haven't already turned in.
- **Monday, October 23** - 1st day practices can begin.
- **November 8-18** – Pre-season games to determine division.
 - Pre-season games could be scheduled on any day of the week except for Sunday.
 - There will be an admission fee for high school age and older. Senior citizens are free. Fee is to be determined (most likely \$1 or \$2) and may only be for 1st game.
 - Most teams will have three games, unless a team is a higher seed and team may receive a bye.
 - Seeding of teams to determine 1st game:
 - 7th and 8th grade - Previous season's regular season final standings will be used.
 - 6th - The league may use a blind draw for sixth grade.
 - After the first game, 50% of teams will be 1-0 and 50% of teams will be 0-1.
 - For the 2nd game, all 1-0 teams will play each other and all teams 0-1 will play each other.
 - For the 3rd game, all teams will play a team with their same record.
 - Once the pre-season is over, all teams that are 3-0 or 2-1 will play in upper division, all teams 1-2 or 0-3 will play in lower division.
- **November 27 (week of)** - Regular season schedules are available. There may only be one weeks' notice.
- **December 9** – Regular season games begin. December game dates could be: Dec. 9, 11, 13, 16, 18. Teams will most likely have only one game scheduled in December on one of these dates.
- **January 3** - Games resume after break. January games could be scheduled Monday-Thursday or Saturday.
- **Mid-January** – Post season tournament host sites are announced
- **January 29 through February 1** – No games during Catholic Schools Week (Monday-Friday).
- **February 7** – Last regular season games.
- **February 12 through end of February** - Post season tournaments (single elimination). Schedules are determined by host sites. \$2 admission fee for high school age and older. Senior citizens are free. After last season, the CSAL board voted that all post season tournament awards will be standardized to be the same.